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	Examiner Christopher S. Kim	Art Unit 3752	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Species B, figure 8 in the reply filed on November 22, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 13, 14, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gilmour (2,536,167).

Gilmour discloses a device comprising: a spray head 4; a tube 1; a plunger 9; a rim 12; a seal 5; a hose (column 1, line 4).

4. Claims 1, 10, 14, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Vita-Mix Corporation (IDS, Other Document #2).

See figure 2.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dadson (4,219,162).

Dadson discloses a device comprising: a spray head 15; a tube 13; a plunger 20; a rim 16; a seal 19; wings (back side of valve 16).

6. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Warren (930,444).

Warren discloses a device comprising: a spray head B; a tube 13A; a plunger d; a seal b; at least on rib (threads between b and B).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 31-33, 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilmour (2,536,167) in view of Larbuisson (5,806,832).

Gilmour discloses the limitations of the claimed invention with the exception of the connecting device. Larbuisson discloses a connecting device having a button 7, valve 5 and spring 2. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the connecting device of Larbuisson to the hose of Gilmour for quick disconnects and pressure release (Larbuisson, column 1, lines 4-6).

9. Claims 31-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vita-Mix Corporation (IDS, Other Document #2) in view of Larbuisson (5,806,832).

Vita-Mix Corporation discloses the limitations of the claimed invention with the exception of the connecting device. Larbuisson discloses a connecting device having a button 7, valve 5 and spring 2. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the connecting device of Larbuisson to the hose of Vita-Mix Corporation for quick disconnects and pressure release (Larbuisson, column 1, lines 4-6).

10. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vita-Mix Corporation (IDS, Other Document #2) in view of Bouldin (5,901,906).

Vita-Mix Corporation discloses the limitations of the claimed invention with the exception of the radially directed spray apertures. Bouldin discloses an axial outlet and radial outlets 20. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the radially directed spray apertures to the spray head of Vita-Mix Corporation as taught by Bouldin to provide radial spray.

11. Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vita-Mix Corporation (IDS, Other Document #2).


Vita-Mix Corporation discloses the limitations of the claimed invention with the exception of the nose. The nose and base are shown as one piece. Providing a nose and base is a mere separation of parts. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided a separate nose and base, since it has been held that constructing a formerly integral structure in various elements involves only routine skill in the art. *Nerwin v. Erlichman*, 168 USPQ 177, 179.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher S. Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-4905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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